

Response to Office Action
Docket No. 020.0254.US.CON

Remarks

Claims 1-21 are pending. Claims 1, 6, 11, 16, and 21 have been amended. Claims 2 and 12 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3-11, and 13-21 remain in this application. No new matter has been entered.

The specification has been amended with updated references to now-issued U.S. Patents. No new matter has been entered.

The specification stands subject to objection for failing to provide proper antecedent basis. Claims 1, 6, 11, 16, and 21 have been amended. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as not enabling. Per the Examiner's suggestion, the limitations of Claim 2 have been incorporated into Claim 1 and the limitations of Claim 16 have been incorporated into Claim 11. Withdrawal of the rejection for lack of enablement is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C §112, second paragraph, as being incomplete. The limitations of Claim 2 have been incorporated into Claim 1 and the limitations of Claim 16 have been incorporated into Claim 11. Withdrawal of the rejection for incompleteness is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-21 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1-81 of commonly-assigned U.S. Patent No. 6,336,903 ('903) issued January 8, 2002 to Bardy. A Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed disclaiming the terminal part of any patent granted on the instant patent application that would extend beyond the expiration date of the '903 patent. Withdrawal of the rejection for double-patenting is respectfully requested.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed by the applicant and is considered to be no more pertinent than the prior art references already applied.

Claims 1, 3-11, and 13-21 are believed to be in a condition for allowance. Entry of the foregoing amendments is requested and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. Please contact the undersigned at (206) 381-3900 regarding any questions or concerns associated with the present matter

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